

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Approved Minutes: Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting: October 25, 2005
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE

Chairperson Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Denny Weisgerber, Mary Banick, William "Ed" Connor, Bal Daquigan, Amanda Santos (arrived at 1:34 pm), Albert Wang and Joanne Wood, Joyce Dovlet

Alternates Present: Barbara Ebright and Kathryn Manento

Council Liaison: Debbie Giordano

Staff Present: Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator
Jennifer Tagalog, Recreation Services Supervisor
Roseann Costabile, Nutrition Site Manager

C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Barbara Ebright was seated for Amanda Santos.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: To adopt the Agenda.

M/S: Ebright/Daquigan. Ayes: Unanimous.

E. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the August 23, 2005, Senior Advisory Commission meeting.

M/S: Connor/Ebright. Ayes: Unanimous.

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog reported the updated Financial Report was included in the Commission Packet and reflected the period of June 1-September 30, 2005. The report included the revenue from the Commission's Walk A Golden Mile event in May, 2005.

G. CITIZEN FORUM

Commissioner Manento apologized to the Commission for not attending the Senior Advisory Commission in August, 2005. She informed the Commission that she had undergone a surgical procedure and was unable to attend due to the medication issues. She indicated that she is now doing better.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Chairperson Weisgerber read the announcements listed on the Agenda.

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog announced the revised Senior Advisory Commission Bylaws were also in the Commission Packet for their reference and reminded Commissioners of the deletion of the Members at Large positions. Ms. Tagalog announced that if those commissioners who's term of office expire in December, 2005, (Commissioners Weisgerber, Wood, Banick, Wang, Connor and Manento) wanted to be reappointed, they would need to inform staff or the City Clerk's Office.

Acting Police Chief Thomas Nishisaka reminded everyone to be careful during the holiday season because many people get distracted while shopping and leave their purses/items unattended. He also reminded everyone that if they receive an unsolicited request for money/donations during the holiday season and they think it is a scam, they should contact the Police Department for assistance.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Future Focus/Projects of Senior Advisory Commission

Chairperson Weisgerber reviewed with the Commission that they are charged with advising the staff and City Council on planning/organizing activities for the community's senior citizens; and they are supposed to play an active part in supporting the programs through involvement and development of programs and fund raisings to provide for the programs.

Commissioner Weisgerber asked if any commissioners had ideas for the Commission to discuss, and received no response. He requested that Commissioners Banick and Ebright meet with him separately to discuss possible ideas. Commissioners can forward their ideas to one of committee members.

2. Senior Nutrition Program Cup Discussion

Chairperson Weisgerber reviewed with the Commission a complaint that Mayor Esteves received from a Senior Center participants concerning cups not being available after 1:00 pm. The agenda detailed the issue of cup usage problems at the Senior Center, which include excessive amounts of cups being used and how they are left all over the building because participants forget where they left them. Cups were available throughout the day during renovation because there was not a drinking fountain available. However, now that a drinking fountain and water spigot has been installed with the completion of the facility's renovation, there is no longer a need to supply cups for water, therefore, staff now only provides cups during the hours of 10:00 am-1:00 pm

(coffee service hours for the Senior Nutrition's Lunch Program). Currently the cups are purchased through the Nutrition Program's budget.

Chairperson Weisgerber recommended that cups remain available only until 1:00 pm, to remain with then the current budget and eliminate waste, and to encourage participants to bring their own cups/mugs. He asked for additional comments.

Commissioner Ebright commented that cups are left throughout the facility (hallways, restrooms, sinks, etc.) and there is no reason people could not bring their own cups.

Commissioner Manento commented that there should be compassion for the elderly and that many of them have memory problems. She understands the problem of cups being left all over the place. She recommended that there might be someone in the community that may want to donate the cups to the Senior Center, which would alleviate the budget impact of providing cups throughout the day.

Commissioner Connor recommended that if it is only one person complaining, that person could go to the Center's front counter and ask for a cup. He understands that coffee services is over and only water is available.

Chairperson Weisgerber took all of the comments under advisement and indicated that the Center would continue to provide cups as is until 1:00 p.m.

Roseann Costabile, Nutrition Site Manager, commented that it is a possibility for the Commission to purchase cups out of their budget for use throughout the day.

Commissioner Weisgerber indicated he did not want the Commission to purchase the cups.

Commissioner Ebright stated that participants received mugs at last year's Senior Center Holiday Party and they could use them at the Center. Commissioner Weisgerber indicated that they would most likely forget where they put them at the Center as they do already with the cups.

3. December 27, 2005, Senior Advisory Commission Meeting

The next Senior Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2005, which is the day after a City holiday. Due to busy schedules and the possibility of people traveling during the holidays, staff asked if the Commission would like to hold the meeting on December 27, 2005, change the date of the meeting to earlier in December or later in January, or cancel the meeting.

Chairperson Weisgerber recommended the meeting be canceled instead of being rescheduled.

Motion: To cancel the December 27, 2005, Senior Advisory Commission meeting and meet again at the regularly scheduled February 28, 2006, Commission meeting.

M/S: Connor/Wood. Ayes: Unanimous.

4. 2005 Senior Center Holiday Dance & Party

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog informed the Commission of this year's Senior Center Holiday Dance and Party on December 11th at the Community Center. She reminded the Commission that in the past they provided assistance in funding the entertainment for the event, and that funding assistance in the amount of \$250.00 is being requested for this year's event.

Commissioner Ebright asked if more than \$250.00 was needed since things are more expensive this year. Ms. Tagalog indicated the amount would be sufficient.

Commissioner Banick recommended the Commission allocate \$250.00 to assist with the expenses of the event. Commissioner Banick also stated that the Senior Center is in need of a new barbeque unit to assist with the monthly potluck dinners, due to there not being a stove/oven available at the Senior Center. She recommended another \$200.00 be allocated to the purchase of a new barbeque.

Motion: To allocate \$250.00 for the Center's Holiday Dance & Party and \$200.00 be allocated for the purchase of a new barbeque unit at the Senior Center.

M/S Banick/Ebright. Ayes: Unanimous.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF REPORTS

1.1 Recreation Services

Program Coordinator Wilson highlighted the items listed on pages 2-3 of the agenda.

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

Roseann Costabile, Nutrition Site Manager, read the report as noted on page 3. She mentioned to the Commission that the Milpitas Senior Center's Nutrition Program is doing better than most other centers in the system in terms of numbers of participants. She indicated that most centers' numbers are below their budgeted number of meals to serve. She also stated that the total numbers statewide are also down.

Ms. Costabile also reported to the Commission that the funds left in the old Senior Center Nutrition Site Council account is down to \$132.51. Staff has purchased cakes and ice cream over the last few months for the Center's Birthday Lunch celebrations.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 a City Council

Councilmember Giordano reported on the following City Council actions:

1. October 4, 2005, City Council Meeting:

- a. First ever invocation at beginning of meeting.
- b. Council rejected the consideration of temporary closing of city streets to accommodate the Farmer's Market Operation.

- c. Approved City Commission Appointments to the Community Advisory Commission.
 - d. Adopted Citywide Reorganization Policy and Guidelines (per recommendation by Finance Subcommittee).
 - e. Planning Commission vacancies to be advertised.
 - f. Adopted ordinance to advertise by posting in four (4) designated locations for bids on City public projects, in accordance with California Public Contract Code.
2. October 18, 2005, City Council Meeting:
- a. Review and consideration of providing staff with direction of funding for landscaping and maintenance of 237/I-880 Interchange.
 - b. Mayor's recommendation for Council Open Government Subcommittee denied.
 - c. Approved Mayor's recommendation for Public Arts Committee.
 - d. Modified Council Handbook to reflect all commissions.

Commissioner Manento stated that many cities have established Farmers Markets. She asked why the City of Milpitas couldn't lease some of the business lots in Milpitas to accommodate the Farmer's Market.

Councilmember Giordano responded that the Farmer's Market is a private enterprise and the City does not lease properties for private enterprises.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Commission

Commissioner Weisgerber reported the Council on Aging is advising everyone to think wisely on the issues in the upcoming election.

Commissioner Connor informed the Commission that AARP has a meeting the week prior to elections in which an attorney provides non-partial information on all the ballot items so AARP members can make informed decisions when they vote.

2.3 AARP

Commissioner Banick reported that AARP has two events planned for the holidays. The first event is the Thanksgiving lunch program at Berryessa Senior Center on November 22, 2005, at 2:00 pm. The second event is a Christmas luncheon at Hometown Buffet Restaurant in Milpitas on Thursday, December 15, 2005, at 11:30 a.m. There is a possibility that entertainment will be included. Should anyone be interested in attending either event, they should contact Commissioner Banick or Connor.

Commissioner Banick also informed the Commission that the Milpitas/Berryessa Chapter of AARP will be putting on another Sock Hop on September 30, 2006, at the Milpitas Community Center, and the planning committee needs assistance.

2.4 Arts Commission

Linda Rabe, Arts Commission Liaison, announced the Arts Commission would be holding a "Tea in the Trees" event on Saturday, December 10, 2005, at 4:00 pm, in City Hall. The event will benefit Milpitas children needing assistance to participate in arts programs. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. She informed the Commission that spaces were available if any of them wished to volunteer at the event. Commissioners can contact Ms. Rabe at (408) 262-7636.

2.5 Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission

No report.

3. Future Agenda Items

L. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm. The next meeting is scheduled February 28, 2006, at 1:30 pm, in the City Hall Committee Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Wilson, Commission Secretary